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January 2, 2001

Federal Election Commission 999 E Street NW Washington, DC 20463 MUR 5163

Re: Complaint against the Office of Congressman Gregory W. Meeks

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached, please find a complaint against the above-mentioned Member of Congress. Please note that the original complaint was scheduled to be submitted to your office on November 1, 2000. The complaint was not initiated at that time on the advice of the Office of Compliance and my attorney since I had entered into mediation with the Congress Member and was advised to do so in "good faith."

Since the mediation process is now over I am forwarding the following information for your review. I apologize for the delay. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (718) 658-3026.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Andrea T. Payne

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STATE OF NEW YORK
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November 1, 2000

Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Re: Complaint against the Office of Congressman Gregory W. Meeks, 6<sup>th</sup> CD, New York

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter to initiate a complaint against the aforementioned Member and his office for blatantly violating 18 U.S.C. § 607, which states that it is unlawful to solicit or receive any political contributions in any building where Federal, Employees work.

As a former staff member for the Congress Member, I have first hand information and knowledge that campaign activity was conducted in the Member's Jamaica District Office (JDO) located at, 196-06 Linden Boulevard, Saint Albans, NY 11412. I was present along with other District Office Employees on several occasions when such activity was conducted and observed several staff members directly participating in such activity. For example, I was present along with several other staff members on many occasions when contributions were delivered to the JDO during office hours. In each instance, the Congress Member's Chief of Staff, Josephine Johnson, directed the Office Manager, Kim Fuller to accept contributions, knowing full well, that no campaign activity was to be conducted on the premises. I have enclosed copies of several checks that were received in the office and were located near the photocopier.

In early September 2000, several of the members of the "Dinner Committee" for the Congress Member's October 13, 2000, fundraising event which featured First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as the Keynote Speaker, began to meet in the JDO regularly to conduct campaign business. One such meeting took place on September 5, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the JDO. I observed the following individuals appear and each stated that they were there for the purpose of the "Dinner Committee" meeting:

- Camille Allen, Esq.
- Aidoa Gzifa
- Janella Meeks

And the following staff members also participated in that meeting:

- Josephine Johnson, Chief of Staff
- Patrick Jenkins, Executive Assistant

- Kim Fuller, Office Manager
- Joe Edwards

On September 8, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. another meeting was held in the exact same location with the following individuals present:

- Camille Allen, Esq.
- Ajdoa Gzifa
- Janella Meeks
- Josephine Johnson, Chief of Staff
- Patrick Jenkins, Executive Assistant
- Kim Fuller, Office Manager
- Joe Edwards

On September 14, 2000, James Heyliger and Jimmy Walker arrived at the JDO at approximately 4:00 p.m. to pick up a box of approximately 1000 Fundraiser invitations, which had been stamped and prepared by Joe Edwards in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Area of the JDO during office hours.

On September 15, 2000, another fundraising meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. at the JDO with the following individuals:

- Camille Allen, Esq.
- Ajdoa Gzifa
- Janella Meeks
- Josephine Johnson, Chief of Staff
- Patrick Jenkins, Executive Assistant
- Kim Fuller, Office Manager
- Joe Edwards

On September 22, 2000, Camille Allen Esq., visited the JDO to conduct campaign business.

On October 1, 2000 at 5:00 p.m., a fundraising meeting was held in the JDO with the following individuals:

- Josephine Johnson, Chief of Staff
- Kim Fuller, Office Manager
- Camille Allen, Esq.
- Janella Meeks
- James Heyliger
- Lloyd Douglas
- Robert Simmons

Also, on this date contributions also began arriving at the JDO and these checks were received either by the Chief of Staff or the Office Manager. Individuals that appeared

with checks specifically stated that the checks were for Journal Ad or tickets to the October 13, 2000 event.

On October 5, 2000, at 4:00 a contribution was received by the Office Manager from Mr. Jeremiah C. Gaffney. The Chief of Staff was made aware that Mr. Gaffney was there to drop off a contribution for the October 13<sup>th</sup> event. She advised him to wait for the Office Manager to accept it from him and then ordered Kim Fuller to accept Mr. Gaffney's check. At no time were contributors advised that contributions could not be accepted in the Jamaica District Office.

There were also a number of checks that were sent to the Members Post Office Box in Far Rockaway, NY; however, since the Member did not actively employ someone to manage the task of coordinating the October 13, 2000 event, the checks sat in the P.O. Box until Josephine Johnson retrieved these items from the P.O. Box and delivered them to the Kim Fuller in the JDO. When the checks arrived at the JDO, journal ads and ticket requests were processed in this office.

I also have reason to believe that if your office carefully scrutinizes the Member's expense records, you will learn of other illicit activity that has taken place. For example, I have reason to believe that the Member's Campaign fund paid for his mother-in-law, Mrs. Singh's airline travel to the October 13, 2000 event.

On October 18, 2000, Josephine Johnson, Chief of Staff, announced to the staff that effective, November 1, 2000, she and Patrick Jenkins would be out of the office to engage in campaign activity until after election day; however, she stated that if anyone called the office and inquired as to her or Patrick's whereabouts we were to say that they are both on vacation for 2 weeks. Moreover, the telephones in the Washington, D.C. Office were also used for actively soliciting campaign contributions.

If this Commission digs deep enough you will learn that this Member has a total disregard for the very laws that he is sworn to uphold. Moreover, he lacks ethics and has a history of unscrupulous dealings along with his Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant. They are known to use "bullying tactics to coerce their subordinates to adhere to their dishonest demands while threatening their employment." Such is clearly the case with the Office Manager, Kim Fuller who is clearly a target of their abusive & immoral practices.

I hereby affirm that every word in this document is true and encourage the Commission to conduct a thorough investigation in the matter.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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For information: Cell Camille Allen (718) 525-1336 or Adjoa Gzifa (718) 557-6266

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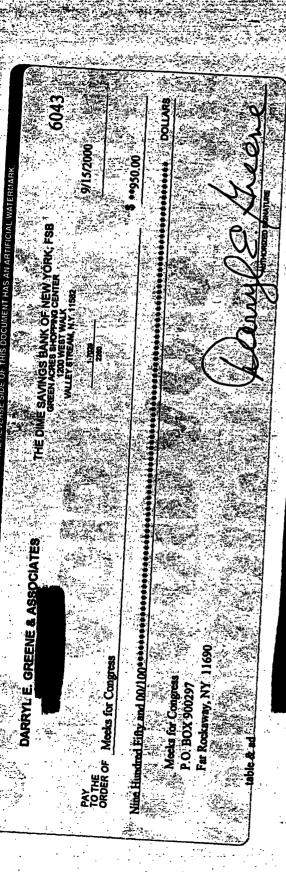
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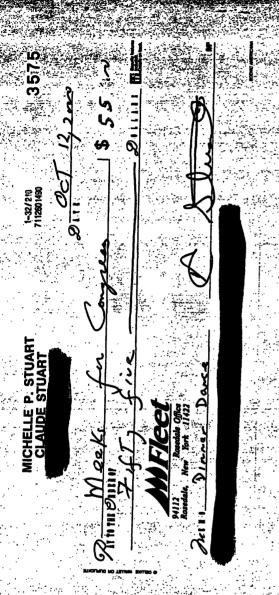
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